

IN NORTH CAROLINA

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Strict good middling	10 5-16
Good middling	10 1-4
Strict middling	10 1-4
Middling	10 1-8
Tinges	8 1-2 to 9 3-4
Stains	7 1-2 to 9 00

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, firm	10 7-8
New Orleans, firm	10 3-4
Savannah, quiet	10 1-2
Norfolk, steady	10 3-4
Baltimore, nominal	11 00
New York, quiet	11 10
Boston, quiet	11 10
Philadelphia, steady	11 35
Houston, steady	10 3-4
Augusta, firm	10 5-8
Memphis, firm	10 11-16
St. Louis, firm	10 3-4
Louisville, firm	10 3-4

The Convention at Gastonia.

Gastonia.—At the opening session of the convention of the Young People of the Association Reformed Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. J. Knox Montgomery, of New Concord, Ohio, conducted the devotional exercises, which were followed by the opening address, delivered by Rev. William Duncan of Charlotte, on "A Revival of Religion."

The nomination committee recommended the following officers, all of whom were elected.

President, Rev. A. C. Rogers, of Rock Hill, S. C.; vice-president, J. A. Russell, of Charlotte; secretary, Mrs. Willis Douglass, of Due West, S. C.; press secretary, Julian S. Miller, of Charlotte; railroad secretary, Major W. W. Boyce, of Rock Hill, S. C.; treasurer, J. T. McGill, of Gastonia, N. C.

The address of the morning was delivered by Rev. R. J. Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pa., editor of the Christian Union Herald, and organ of the United Presbyterian church. He talked on "Our Heritage."

Lawyers Hold Memorial Exercises.

Lake Toxaway Special.—The meeting of the State Bar Association here is now in full swing, the attendance being the largest in its history and the interest in the proceedings being all that the most sanguine could desire.

Among the principal events of the day were: The strong, logical and elaborate discussion by Judge Pritchard on the relation of the State and the federal courts, in the course of which he advocated a federal divorce law; and deeply impressive memorial services which were held in honor of members of the association who had passed away since the last annual meeting.

An address in memory of Col. H. C. Jones was delivered by Col. Tillett, one in honor of Charles F. Warren was spoken by E. S. Simmons. A tribute was paid to the life and character of Hon. W. A. Dunn by Judge McRae, while Messrs L. S. Overman, S. H. Isler, C. B. Watson, F. H. Busbee, W. S. O'Brien and others followed Col. Tillett in his address on Col. Jones. Memorial speeches were delivered by Col. Davidson, Kope Ellis and others on Mr. Warren and by Hon. John E. Woodward and Lieutenant-Governor Winston on Mr. Dunn.

Farmers Institutes.

The following schedules of farmers' institutes, for the mountain regions, is announced by the board of agriculture: Henderson county, Wednesday, August 23, at Hendersonville; Transylvania, Thursday, 24, at Brevard; Polk, Friday, 25, at Columbus; Haywood, Saturday, 26, Macon, Monday, 28, at Franklin; Jackson, Tuesday, 29, at Webster; Swain, Wednesday, 30, at Bryson City; Graham, Thursday, 31, at Robbinsville; Cherokee, Friday, September 1, at Clay; Saturday, 2, at Hayesville; Madison, Monday, 4, at Marshall; Buncombe, Tuesday, 5, at Weaverville; Yancey, Wednesday, 6, at Bakersville; Watauga, Saturday, 9, at Boone; Ashe, Tuesday, 12, at Laurel Springs; Alleghany, Wednesday, 13, at Sparta.

The new directory of Durham, published by the Hill Directory Company, placed the population of Durham at 22,000, this being quite an increase over the population of two years ago. This population is for Durham proper.

It is stated with authority that the Standard Oil Company is the recent purchaser and present owner of the Norfolk and Southern railroad.

The board of aldermen of Marion have raised the license on the saloons operating in the city from \$500 to \$1,000 per year.

Attempts are being made to unite the opposing political factions in Virginia.

Assailant Pays Penalty.

New Iberia, La., Special.—Friday afternoon Ames Holmes paid the penalty for his crime committed on Avery's Island last February, when he criminally assaulted a white woman. The execution took place in the parish jail in the presence of about forty witnesses. The trap was sprung at 12:30 and Holmes' neck was broken by the fall.

New Enterprises.

The bank of Richlands, Onslow county was chartered. The amount of authorized capital stock is \$25,000, of which \$4,000 has been paid in. The incorporators are: C. F. Lawrence, E. C. Shaw, C. C. Thomas, and S. A. Johnson, all of Durham.

A charter is granted the A. W. Vickory Company, of Greensboro, to manufacture handles, hubs and other hardwood products, capital stock \$25,000.

CASHIER DEWEY GUILTY

Defaulter Who Took All a Bank's Money Gets Five Years.

Newbern, Special.—After forty-eight hours' confinement in a little, stuffy room in the hot July temperature, the jury in the case of Thos. W. Dewey, accused of embezzling \$100,000 from the Merchants' and Farmers' bank here, brought in a verdict of guilty Saturday afternoon at 4:30. The court was surprised when the announcement was made, as it was thought that they would hang on till the last minute and then cause a mistrial.

There was no sensational nor emotional features. Dewey took the verdict as if he had expected it, and showed no signs of disappointment. Judge Jones then made a brief speech, in which he said it was the saddest duty of his office which he had to perform, but that the jury had rendered a verdict according to the evidence and it became a most unpleasant task to him to make the sentence, but in accordance with evidence and the verdict he felt that a severe sentence was necessary. He therefore sentenced Dewey to six years in prison. Notice of appeal was given and Dewey was put under \$40,000 bond, which he furnished.

John Patterson, the negro who has been on trial for burning his wife, was found guilty of murder in the second degree Saturday and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty-nine years. Patterson's crime was most brutal. He went to the room where the woman was sleeping, saturated her clothing with oil and set the bed on fire. The woman ran out in a blaze and was burned to a crisp. The crime was committed December 4th.

Newbern, Special.—The trial of Thomas W. Dewey, ex-cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, began here Wednesday. Ex-Gov. Aycock made a last effort to obtain a continuance, which was overruled by Judge Jones. The defense claimed a lack of material evidence from Pelletier, an associate of Dewey, and that they were unable to procure his affidavit, he being outside the State's jurisdiction. The work of selecting a jury required about 45 minutes. D. W. Roberts, bookkeeper for the bank, identified the handwriting of various entries in the books as Dewey's and showed by a comparison of the day book and the ledger, the amount of Dewey's defalcations to be \$110,000, these having been made by means of falsifying entries in the day book. Witnesses Borden, of Goldsboro, and Dyer, of Norfolk, testified to the defendant's orders to forward amounts to a New York bank.

A Geological Survey.

The United States Geological Survey in North Carolina will be continued. Mr. Arthur Keith will continue areal and economic surveys in the western part of the State. He will complete geological surveys of the Roan Mountain and Morgantown quadrangles and in cooperation with the State of North Carolina, will make an economic survey of Highland Forest, assisted by Mr. D. B. Sierrett. The Charlotte and Matthews quadrangles will be topographically surveyed under the direction of Mr. V. H. Manning, assisted by Mr. T. H. Moncreur. Primary control will be extended in this locality by Mr. C. B. Kendall. The Covee quadrangle will be surveyed by a party of which Mr. Duncan Hannegan will have charge. Mr. Robert Coe will have charge of a party that will do topographic work in the Gatesville, Smithfield, Winton and Clinton quadrangles. The Saluda and Yorkville quadrangles will be surveyed by Mr. W. L. Miller's party. The general supervision of all topographic work in this State is under Mr. V. H. Manning. The streams of North Carolina will be measured by Mr. R. H. Hall, assisted by Mr. B. S. Drane and others.

New Enterprises.

A charter is granted the Griffin Manufacturing Company, at Griffin, Pitt County, to manufacture buggies, wagons, farming implements, lumber, etc., and to gins cotton, capital stock \$25,000.

In an interview with Clerk Wilson, of the State Department, who has charge of the corporation matters, he said that there was quite a notable increase in the number of corporations chartered this year as compared with last year. The month of June showed the greatest number of charters ever granted, the total reaching 90. The corporations which procure charters in that month escaped paying taxes for that year, and hence some corporations hold over until June.

State Convict Labor.

It has been agreed by the State Prison authorities that in place of one dollar a day they will hereafter charge \$1.25 a day for convict labor. This is to apply to existing contracts. The demand for convict labor is greater than the supply. The earnings of the State's Prison are hereafter to be invested in North Carolina State bonds. If these can be secured at a fair figure, forty thousand dollars is to be spent in this way and this week a purchase of \$3,400 in bonds was made. The camps on the State farms are in good condition and there are 1,300 acres in cotton, 1,300 in corn and 600 in peanuts.

North Carolina Bar Association.

Lake Toxaway Special.—The largest meeting ever held of the North Carolina Bar Association convened Wednesday night in the ball room of the Toxaway Inn. Counting the members, and their families, there are 199 in attendance. Besides these, there are quite a number of summer guests to swell the crowd.

The executive committee in the afternoon elected 28 new members.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

For the Week Ending Monday, July 10th, 1905.

Over the larger portion of the State the weather during the past week was very favorable for agricultural interests. Alternate sunshine and showers prevailed, and the precipitation was generally well distributed, relieving the droughty conditions that existed in most central counties at the close of the preceding week. There were a few severe local storms in Wayne, Alamance, Davidson and Rockingham counties, and too much rain in a number of other counties, chiefly those west of the Blue Ridge, where farm crops were interrupted, and soil and crops were washed by heavy rains. But the large majority of reports by crop correspondents are exceptionally favorable, and indicate a promising outlook for crops generally. The mean temperature for the week averaged about 80 degrees (72 degrees in the mountains) which was nearly 4 degrees above normal; early in the week high maximum temperatures occurred, the 4th being the warmest day, but cooler weather prevailed during the middle and latter portion, though the nights were not cool enough to check the growth of crops. Nearly everywhere the soil has been thoroughly moistened, crops have been invigorated and are growing rapidly. Laying by crops and sowing field peas was interrupted in the west, but elsewhere farm work was not materially hindered.

Generally cotton is thrifty and is branching well; it shows exceptionally heavy bloom for the season of the year; lice have nearly disappeared; there was too much rain for cotton in some eastern counties, namely, Northampton, Duplin, Wayne, Halifax and Edgecombe, causing somewhat rank growth, in some others the plants are still small and late, but on the average cotton is now in fine condition. Corn is not so good, but has improved during the week; old corn seems to be earing well; the plants are large and vigorous in the west in consequence of abundant rain; young corn is growing rapidly, but much of the lowland crop in places was injured by too much water. Tobacco is somewhat variable in size, but as a rule is growing nicely; topping continues in the north; the crop is ripening rapidly in places, but cutting and curing are not yet general, though under way in most eastern and southern counties; some tobacco on sandy land is suffering from excessive moisture. Cutting oats and rye is proceeding in the extreme west; oats are good; thrashing wheat continues, with poor yield, but some oats and rye in shock too long in the west were damaged by frequent rains. Sowing field peas in stubble land was actively carried on this week, and they are coming up well. Sweet potatoes and peanuts have improved. Melons are coming into market. Grapes are suffering some from blight; peaches of good quality are abundant, but apples are inferior.

Rains reported: Nashville 2.43; Davis 0.75; Goldsboro 5.32; Lumberton 1.98; Newbern 2.86; Weldon 0.78; Wilmington 2.40; Moncreur 1.43; Pomona 2.00; Angier 2.60; Ramseur 1.63; Greensboro 4.04; Raleigh 1.30; Charlotte 1.30; Asheville 4.00.

New Hospital Building.

Raleigh, Special.—Work begins next week on the \$40,000 building for females at the Hospital for the Insane here. Large quantities of material are arriving. As has been stated, the building will extend towards the westward from the present main building and will be of identically the same material and same style of architecture. The hospital is one of the most thoroughly built structures in North Carolina, though it was erected about fifty-five years ago. It is a very imposing building and Miss Dix, who chose the site, selected what is easily the most beautiful location anywhere in the vicinity of Raleigh.

North State News.

Governor Glenn has appointed the following eight directors of the North Carolina Railroad: W. T. Brown, Winston; W. H. Williams, Newton; Hugh Chatham, (president) Elkin; L. Banks Holt, Graham; Thomas H. Vandeford, Salisbury; John W. Lambert, Thomasville; Allen J. Ruffin, Hillsboro; S. C. Penn, Reidsville. The last four are new. There were 305 aspirants.

The State authorizes the Wilmington Towing and Transportation Company to change its name to the Thorpe & Applegate Company, and incorporates the L. Richardson Drug Company, of Greensboro, to change its name to the Justice Drug Company.

The Secretary of State has had remarkable good luck in discovering valuable documents among the masses of old papers piled in cases in the gallery of the old State Library and room of the enrolling clerk. His helpers have been so busy this year that nothing has been done, but a little later the work will be resumed, and it is expected that more good results will follow.

Shot From His Bicycle.

Newbern, Special.—After a quarrel over the possession of a base ball mitt, Walter Grice shot Sam Bryant, inflicting probably fatal injuries. Bryant was riding a bicycle, and Grice stepped from behind a tree and fired three shots. One bullet entered the abdomen and lodged in the back. It is believed the other two bullets went wild. The affair occurred at 8:30 this morning. Grice escaped and cannot be found.

COAL MINERS KILLED

126 Human Lives Suddenly Snuffed Out By Accident

WATTSTOWN, WALES, DISASTER

The Force of the Explosion Wrecked the Machinery at the Mouth of the Shaft and Cut Off All Communication With the Interior.

Cardiff, Wales, By Cable.—An explosion of fire-damp in No. 2 pit of the United National Colliery Company at Wattstown, in the Rhondda Valley, the center of the great Welsh coal fields, Tuesday morning is believed to have resulted in the loss of at least 126 lives. The explosion was followed immediately by the belching clouds of smoke and dust from the pit shaft, in which 500 men were working. The force of the explosion wrecked the machinery at the mouth of the pit. All communication with the doomed men in this direction is completely cut off. No. 1 shaft, adjoining, has ordinarily afforded communication with No. 2. The 300 men in No. 1 and the few who escaped from No. 2 were drawn up.

A rescue party descended, but its work was seriously impeded by the foul air and the falling masses of earth dislodged by the explosion. Altogether 59 bodies have been recovered.

Heroic efforts have been made for hours to reach the entombed men, but late Tuesday night the absence of all sound from the interior of the mine told the tale of the worst disaster that has taken place in South Wales since 1894.

The news of the explosion spread rapidly and hundreds of women and children and thousands of men thronged the head of the pit, seeking information. The mountain roadways were crowded all the afternoon, and there are now streams of people in the neighborhood of the mine all contributing to the pitiful scenes. Efforts to rescue were still in progress at midnight, and currents of fresh air were still being driven through the shaft, but the rescuers are now working without hope of reaching the list of fatalities.

Three Miners Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Three men were killed and five injured by the caving in of a rock at Sayreton mines north of Birmingham, late Tuesday afternoon. The mines belong to Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company.

Rescue Efforts Fail.

Portland, Russia, By Cable.—Efforts to rescue the thirty-nine men who were cut off by fire in the Borisovsk coal mine Tuesday have been without success, and it is feared that they have perished.

Big Dam Gives Way.

Asheville, Special.—The dam recently completed at the Asheville School, near this city, creating a large artificial lake, broke Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, releasing the entire body of water into the French Broad River at Hominy creek. At midnight the water in the river had risen more than five feet and was still rising. The break was caused by the excessive rainfall for the past few days, which increased the pressure on the dam to such an extent that it gave way.

Effort to Rescue Cargo.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—After having remained buried in the sand beneath 10 feet of water for five years, an effort is now to be made to rescue the cargo of the schooner Minnie R. Bergen, which was wrecked near Chesmoco, N. C. The cargo consists of 200 tons of steel rails, a locomotive and other machinery. Captain John Wheaton, of Washington, N. C., will build a wharf out to the wreck and by the use of a sand pump remove the sand and save the cargo.

Bloody Encounter.

Warsaw, By Cable.—Three bloody encounters between troops and striking shoe makers, in which about 50 persons were killed or wounded, occurred Tuesday. The strikers were marching through the city from house to house demanding the workers to join them. Many proper persons of force complied with the demands of the strikers.

Another Japanese Victory.

Tokio, By Cable.—The Navy Department has received the following telegram from Admiral Katoaka: "Two cruisers and four torpedo boats left Kure on July 10 with soldiers on board for the purpose of landing and occupying Cape Notoro. After some bombardment the place was taken. The lighthouse and buildings were left undestroyed. Four prisoners were taken."

Nikolai, Asimile, Russia.—The Japanese have already landed 12,000 troops at Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalin.

Alleged Spy Sentenced.

Tokio, By Cable.—The judgment in the case of Captain A. E. Baggott, the French resident who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and labor on the charge of being a Russian spy, declares the accused was engaged in searching for and revealing military secrets. The court also sentenced Baggott to the maximum of Japanese respect to Captain Baggott at Paris and to a Paris review.

WITTE NAMED FOR ENVOY

Czar Became Convinced That Negotiations Might Fail If His Appointee as Chief Plenipotentiary Went to Washington and Now Consents to Replace Him by Russia's Great Constructive Statesman, Long Out of Favor.

St. Petersburg, Special.—M. Muraviev has resigned his position as chief plenipotentiary. It may be regarded as practically certain that he will be replaced by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, who all along has been considered the Russian statesman pre-eminently qualified to undertake the difficult task of negotiating peace with Japan.

Though the Emperor on two previous occasions has flatly declined to accept M. Witte, he has now indicated his readiness to make the appointment. The commission, however, will not be actually signed until Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who throughout has been Mr. Witte's warm supporter, has had an audience with the Emperor.

M. Witte's selection will undoubtedly be hailed as a practical assurance of peace. While it would be a mistake to denominate him as a "peace-at-any-price" man, M. Witte earnestly believes that the struggle should be ended and should be succeeded by an understanding between Russia and Japan which would insure peace in the Far East for half a century. Indeed, he is personally believed to be in favor of a Russo-Japanese alliance.

M. Muraviev's retirement, ostensibly owing to reasons of ill health, is in reality due to the fact that the Emperor became convinced of the fact that the negotiations might be jeopardized if he went to Washington. M. Muraviev himself, upon consideration, quite frankly recognized his lack of diplomatic training and his want of acquaintance with the questions involved, and with equal frankness expressed satisfaction that he had been relieved.

Train Stalled in Tunnel.

Asheville, Special.—A special from Andrews, on the Murphy branch, says: Heavy rain, practically a cloudburst, caused numerous washouts, flooding the track over two feet for a half mile near Topton. A number of trestle supports were carried away, paralyzing traffic. Train No. 19 stalled in a tunnel five miles east of Andrews. Over a hundred were on board all night. The trestle at the east entrance of the tunnel gave way on the passing of the rear coach, and ditching was narrowly avoided. The train was brought to a stop in the tunnel. Investigation ahead revealed another washout bridge 50 feet from the west end of the tunnel. The train is still unable to proceed either way. The coaches were packed with people, two in a seat, some standing all night. Many women and children attending the Topton bazaar were aboard. A majority of the passengers walked to Andrews over the flooded tracks for breakfast. The wires are crippled.

Growers Sue Tobacco Trust.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—Suit was entered by a committee from the executive committee of the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association against the American Tobacco Company and buyers, who are alleged to have boycotted the association, for \$250,000 alleged damages. The suit is brought on behalf of 7,000 planters who are members of the association, and is based on an alleged action of the defendants in trying to break up and destroy the association, in restraining competition, and also for the alleged boycotting of the association's tobacco in the Clarksville market. In Bremen and in other foreign markets.

Lawson Leaves Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Special.—Thomas W. Lawson, after a five hours' stay in the city, left for Missouri Valley, Ia., where he is to address the Chautauque Assembly on the "System." His coming has been extensively heralded, and a large number of persons gathered at the station to see the famous antagonist of the Standard Oil Company and the Copper Trust.

Other Disclosures Likely.

Oyster Bay, Special.—It is regarded here as probable that other sensational developments may grow out of the leak in the cotton crop report, which Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is investigating. Nothing definite has reached the President regarding possible future disclosures. In fact, by direction of the President, Secretary Wilson is conducting the inquiry along his own lines with a determination to sift the matter to the bottom. Attorney General Moody will determine finally whether criminal prosecutions are to be instituted by the government against any one of the alleged conspirators.

Hubbard's Letter Endorsed.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—The cotton exchange through its president, J. H. Walker, wired President Roosevelt in support of the action taken by President Hubbard, of the New York Cotton Exchange. The telegram says that the Augusta exchange heartily endorses the letter of W. C. Hubbard, recently sent you, and solicits prompt co-operation in stamping out and exposing the corruption developed in the bureau of statistics.

THE MEETING PLACE

Peace Envoys Will Hold Their Sessions at Portsmouth, N. H.

IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR MEETING

Adjournment From Washington Will Be Taken to the Navy Yard at the Mouth of the Piscataqua River.

Washington, Special.—Assistant Secretary Pierce announced that the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan had agreed upon Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as the meeting place for the sessions of the peace conference to be held outside of Washington. The sessions will be held in the government navy yard at Portsmouth, in the new building just completed there. The selection of Portsmouth was mutually acceptable to the peace envoys of the belligerents, as, besides being a cool and comfortable place for this season of the year, it has the advantage of offering a building on government soil, which is regarded as an important consideration. This will insure seclusion, as no one can gain admission to the navy yard without permission.

While the sessions will be held in the navy yard, the plenipotentiaries and their staffs will live in nearby hotels.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—The new general store building, just completed, is the largest and most imposing of any in the navy yard, being four stories in height and of ample dimensions. It is of brick and brown stone and at present unoccupied. Rear Admiral Mead, the commandant, said that it could be readily furnished for the needs of the conference.

The location of the navy yard is one offering all the advantages of a Northern summer resort. It occupies an island in the Piscataqua river, almost in the ocean. Its view commands the wide mouth of the river, which is the boundary between Maine and New Hampshire and forms the Portsmouth harbor. The shores are picturesque, dotted here and there with cottages and farm houses, while a number of hotels on either the Maine or the New Hampshire shore are easily accessible.

May Prosecute Holmes.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Special.—It is regarded here as not unlikely that criminal prosecution may result from the investigation of the cotton report leak in the Department of Agriculture. The subject has not yet been presented to the President in a formal way, although he is familiar with most of the details of the inquiry. United States District Attorney Beach, of Washington, was of the opinion, after a cursory examination of a part of the evidence adduced in the investigation, that a criminal proceeding would not lie against Assistant Statistician Holmes, who is alleged to have profited by giving advanced information of the condition of the cotton crop to certain brokers. The Department of Justice is not inclined to accept this view of the case. While no decision to institute criminal proceedings has been reached, the subject is being considered by Attorney General Moody, who later will take the matter up with the President. In view of the opinion by the United States district attorney that a criminal prosecution against Holmes would not lie, Secretary Wilson has intimated that he would suggest to President Roosevelt a recommendation to Congress that legislation be enacted to cover cases of similar character involving a breach of trust.

News of Mutiny From Japs.

Sipinghai, Manchuria, By Cable.—The news of the mutiny in the Black Sea reached the Russian army through the Japanese, who fired night shells charged with proclamations conveying the information into the Russian advanced posts, scattering the proclamations broadcast. Rain is falling in torrents, and all activity at the front has ceased.

Convicted Officers' Case Up.

Washington, Special.—The papers in the case of Major Frank De L. Carrington, United States army, tried by court martial and civil courts in the Philippines for misappropriating the funds of the Filipino Scouts who went to the St. Louis Exposition, and sentenced to dismissal from the army by the court and to imprisonment for a term approximating sixty years by the civil courts, were sent to President Roosevelt for review. The papers contain the approval of the Secretary of War and judge advocate general of the army.

Wants Mutineers Given Up.

St. Petersburg, Special.—Negotiations between Russia and Roumania on the question of the surrender of the crew of the Krinz Potemkin are in progress. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and M. Rosetti-Solomon, the Roumanian minister here, held a conference Monday on the subject, but no decision was arrived at. Russia is disposed to insist on the surrender of the men, not as political prisoners, to which Roumania would object, but as criminals guilty of murder and theft.